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Dear member of the Blue Coat Community,

Subject: Peace Garden Project

We are very excited this half term to launch our Peace Garden Project. This is an opportunity for all pupils, parents, governors, staff and friends of the school to get involved in something which will benefit the whole school community.

Near the side of the Theatre is an unused, fenced off area of land which is overgrown. In line with our CHRIST Values (Care, Hard Work, Respect, Integrity, Servanthood and Togetherness) and with a focus on our role as a Cross of Nails School, we want to turn this into our new Peace Garden for all to enjoy.

The Peace Garden will provide many opportunities, such as:

- A space for reflection, remembrance, prayer, or a sense of peace;
- A place for pupils to engage with the environment through learning about the ecosystem;
- A chance for pupils to work with nature, by growing food and looking after our honey bee hives;
- An area for pupils and staff to meet and enjoy one another's company.

In order for this vision to become a reality, we need members of the school community to get involved. We need to raise money to pay for the project, volunteers to help create the space, sponsorship from groups or businesses, donations of equipment or materials, connections with local trades and garden centres, and lots of hard work and prayer.

How can you help support us? By talking about the project with people you know, and thinking about anything you have to offer. Maybe you know someone whose expertise or business might be key to creating this vision. Maybe you can pledge some money to help create this important space. Maybe you have practical skills which might be useful. Or maybe you can just encourage any pupils you know to get stuck in and help out. We need you!

If you feel you might be able to offer anything – some time, some encouragement, interest, ideas, help, connections, or finances – please email gardenproject@bluecoatschool.com and someone will be in touch.

We are looking forward to seeing this project come to fruition; we hope you can catch the vision and journey with us. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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